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MWRD Commissioners join Governor Quinn, Mayor Emanuel, Congresswoman Kelly for major announcement at Millennium Reserve

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) officials joined Governor Pat Quinn, Mayor Rahm Emanuel and other elected officials and community leaders in announcing the expansion of public recreational opportunities on unused portions of Lake Calumet last Saturday. The Open Land Trust Fund is purchasing the property for \$9 million from the Illinois International Port District. The property will be managed by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

“Generations of south side residents enjoyed recreation at Lake Calumet and this purchase is the first step in restoring that historical connection,” Governor Quinn said. “Located in the heart of Millennium Reserve, the new expansion will provide an improved home for Illinois’ wildlife, while increasing economic opportunities and tourism to the region.”

“The Millennium Reserve is becoming a showcase for the positive results that can be achieved when multiple partners collaborate,” said MWRD Chairman of Finance Mariyana Spyropoulos. “The Governor has worked hard to lead this effort, and it is wonderful to see his vision becoming a reality.”

Commissioner Steele said that Lake Calumet is the “jewel” of the Millennium Reserve. “This lake will definitely enhance the aesthetics and improve the quality of life for the surrounding community.”



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